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Fair Political Practices Commission  
428 J Street, Suite 800  
Sacramento, California 95814

**Re: David W. Roberts Domestic Partnership Opinion**

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing in support of the Commission to define "spouse," under the Political Reform Act, to now include the term "domestic partner."

When the California Legislature enacted the Domestic Partners Rights and Responsibilities Act (DPRRA) of 2003, they expanded most of the state rights and responsibilities available to spouses to registered domestic partners. The DPRRA specifically provides that registered domestic partners shall be subject to the same responsibilities, obligations, and duties under law as are granted to and imposed upon spouses.

The legislative intent is clear. Candidates for political office who have a domestic partner should be subjected to the same responsibilities, obligations and duties as spouses under the Political Reform Act.

I encourage the Commission to issue its opinion in the matter of Roberts in accordance with the DPRRA.

Sincerely,

CHRISTINE KEHOE  
Assemblymember, 76th District

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